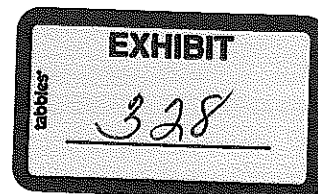


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Re: Proposed Stream Flow Standards and Regulations

Dear Mr. Stacey:

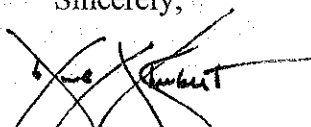
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the state Department of Environmental Protection's proposed stream flow standards and regulations, RCSA sections 26-141b-1 to 26-141b-9, inclusive.

Connecticut Construction Industries Association, Inc. (CCIA) represents the commercial construction industry in Connecticut and is comprised of more than 350 members, including contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and affiliated organizations representing many sectors of the construction industry. CCIA is committed to working together to advance and promote a better quality of life for all citizens in the state.

CCIA is concerned that the proposed regulation may be unbalanced and could have significant unintended consequences for the construction industry and state contractors. Because it imposes a statewide, one-size fits-all mandate on public water suppliers and other large water users, it may hinder economic growth and construction activity in Connecticut and put some areas of the state at an unfair disadvantage. By mandating strict limitations on groundwater withdrawals across the state and reservoir release requirements, as well as requiring costly changes to dams and other infrastructure or the development of new water supplies, it will increase water rates for business customers. By reducing the amount of water supplies available for day-to-day business operations, it may force moratoriums on new construction and expansion in some towns affected by the regulation and will be detrimental to Connecticut's economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed regulation and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


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